

TRIBUTE TO JUDY SCHNEIDER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my deep gratitude and appreciation to someone who has played an indispensable role in Congress for more than four decades—my guide and my great friend, Judy Schneider. After a legendary career as a Specialist on Congress at the Congressional Research Service—really the specialist on Congress—Judy is retiring. Judy will be missed.

Judy Schneider is a recognized institution on Capitol Hill—not just because of her unparalleled knowledge of procedure, but because of her belief in how those of us fortunate enough to work here can use those procedures to move effective policy solutions. She has never failed to recognize the enormous possibilities we have been given to represent our constituents and our nation, and she has never failed to help anyone—on either side of the aisle—who sought her guidance.

Like many of my colleagues and their staffs, I have relied on Judy to help me navigate Congress—not just how the House and Senate are supposed to work according to precedent, but how these bodies actually work in today's world. Along with her colleague Michael Koempel, she literally wrote the book—The Congressional Deskbook: The Practical and Comprehensive Guide to Congress—to help explain the rules under which we operate. My staff and I have turned to the Deskbook countless times, and we are far from alone. Whether you work on the Hill or simply want to understand how Congress operates, you can rely on Judy Schneider's writings for clear, concise and accurate information. That includes not just the Deskbook but hundreds of reports and guidance documents, including one that each of my staffers receives on how to prepare a legislative plan.

But Judy is not just an author. She is available to talk with Members of Congress, their staffs, and others to answer questions and share her vast expertise. I was fortunate to meet Judy at the new member retreat during my first weeks in Congress, and immediately recognized her many talents. It was clear to me that if I wanted to learn how the House really works, I needed to know Judy. I am so thankful that Judy agreed to serve as my mentor and guide. Whenever my staff or I have a question about procedural or legislative options, we turn to not just Judy's books and reports, but to Judy in person. She is not just on our speed-dial, she is the “go-to” person for offices throughout the House and Senate.

Her influence goes beyond the walls of Congress. Judy has been generous in sharing her understanding of Congress with a wide range of groups off the Hill, speaking to countless associations and organizations while also mentoring many individuals—especially women—who are interested in policymaking careers. Using her trademark Socratic style to challenge her countless students, Judy has taught a generation of thinkers how to use policy and procedures creatively.

Judy Schneider has received many awards and accolades—all of which are richly deserved. The Judy Schneider Fellowship, created by Women in Government in 2015 to recognize

Judy's accomplishments, guarantees that her impact will continue to be felt. Last year, she won the inaugural Democracy Awards Lifetime Achievement award for Congressional staff from the Congressional Management Foundation, a truly fitting honor. And yet, I believe her greatest reward is knowing that she has mentored, trained and inspired so many who have gone on to use her lessons to improve people's lives and well-being.

I thank Judy, I love her and I wish her everything good. I know that she will spend time on the Jersey shore, with family and friends, and enjoy some well-deserved downtime. But I also hope that, even in retirement, she will continue to serve as a resource for all of us who have relied on her for her wisdom. I hope to be able to turn to her for her counsel and friendship in the future, as I have so frequently over the past years.

RUDY GIULIANI COMMENTS REGARDING THE IRANIAN REGIME OF TERROR
HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD comments about the situation in Iran that I believe are relevant and should be widely shared. The comments, from former New York City Mayor and attorney to the U.S. President Rudy Giuliani, address peaceful regime change in Iran and the work of the Iranian Resistance. Giuliani delivered this speech at the International Gathering at Ashraf-3, Tirana, Albania, which is home to members of the Iranian opposition, the Mujahedin-e Khalq (PMOI/MEK). More than 350 bipartisan dignitaries and parliamentarians from 47 countries attended the conference. I offer these comments for thoughtful discussion as follows:

Giuliani: “Thanks to you and particularly to the people who live here in Ashraf 3. You'll be the ones who lead your people to freedom and you'll be honored forever in Iranian history and in the history of those who love and are willing to die for freedom. God bless you.”

This organization has grown and grown and I feel in this room today a kind of optimism that I don't remember feeling before when we were in Paris. I feel an optimism maybe because you've done a miracle here in Ashraf. If we were to build this in New York City, it would take 15 years and 14 corruption investigations. I was here a year and a half ago, this wasn't here.

And of course, all of this is possible because of the leadership of Madame Maryam Rajavi, a truly exceptional leader. Just like her husband Massoud Rajavi, who began this movement in one very brave act. He refused to swear allegiance to the Supreme Leader Khomeini to his face. He said, “No, I will not swear allegiance to you. I will not deliver my nation to a tyrant.”

I'm here to say three things. First, I accuse the Ayatollah and Rouhani and all of their sycophants and followers of mass murder, crimes against humanity. We should be embarrassed for our countries if they haven't stood up against this. There's no middle ground here. These people have killed at least

120,000 members and associates of this great organization. You see the book. You go through the sad, tragic, but heroic exhibit they have of the martyrs to freedom. Look at the photograph of the people in the infirmary being treated for illness, slaughtered just a few years ago. Killed 52 of them of the last 100 people who stayed at Ashraf, they tried to wipe them all out. In 1988, in two months they slaughtered 30,000 people. These are not numbers, these are human lives.

So there are three things that we have to do. Number one, we have to get the governments of Europe to stand up, to wake up, to reclaim their dignity and their honor. These are the countries that gave us democracy. Greece, Rome, Italy, France, United Kingdom, Germany, all places in which freedom was born, democracy was born, democracy emerged. Democracy for my nation came out of Europe and the experience of Europe. So how can the leaders of those countries turn their back on mass murder? How can they do it and live with themselves? It's time to end that shameful disregard.

There's no statute of limitations on murder. I prosecuted two Nazis 40 years after their horrible deeds. One killed 20,000 people, the other killed 12,000 people and we found them and it took years and we brought them to justice. The people who slaughtered 30,000 people in 1988 should be identified, they should be prosecuted, and they should either be imprisoned for life or executed. They're criminals. They're murderers. They're not leaders of countries. They are no better than the murderer in the street except they're worse because they're mass murderers.

I am so proud of my government because we have stood up. We looked at that agreement that would make Iran a nuclear power and we said tear it up. We're not going to put nuclear weapons in the hands of a maniac. Well, I say to the leaders of Europe, you can be liberators too. You can go down in history as fighters for freedom.

Isn't that better than just running a government and making money and giving blood money to Iran? How can you do commerce with them? We all know they're the largest sponsor of terrorism in the world. What does that mean? That means they fund and they supply murderers not only in their own country but all over the world. And when you give them money, when you relieve them of a debt, which my government did in the prior administration, and put over a billion dollars back in their hands, you are supporting murder. What do they use it for? Their people know, their people know that when they get money, when a French company or a German company does business with them, that money, that profit is going to be used to kill people in Syria or to kill people somewhere else or to send people to Albania to kill us or to send people to France like they did last year to kill Madame Rajavi and us. That's what they're funding, don't you realize it? That makes you complicit in murder.

Number two, let's make it clear, there is an alternative to this horrible regime of terror. This isn't one of those situations in which we have the choice of deposing a horrible dictator and we don't know if a more horrible one will come along. Right? And when we saw that happen, we saw it happen in Egypt, in some ways we saw it happen in Libya.

But here we don't have that problem. We've got the worst regime in the world by far, the